GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PAK`S STRATEGY ON KASHMIR ISSUE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Musharraf urges OIC to exert pressure on India` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated March 6, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)-(c) Pakistan habitually and routinely indulges in hostile propagandist statements against India especially in OIC fora and with member states of the organisation to promote anti-India sentiments. Government have effectively and appropriately brought to the notice of the international community, including member countries of the OIC, facts regarding Pakistan`s support to terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India. There is a greater appreciation in the international community, including amongst the OIC countries, of Pakistan`s sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India.